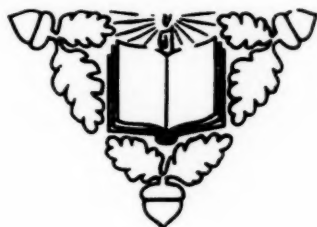


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Annie May Alston*

The theme of my message is neither original nor clever, but it is sincere.

It is COME TO THE CONVENTION.

If you have attended Arkansas state library meetings in past years, you know their worth. But if this is to be a first for you, may I make a few suggestions, please.

PLAN to come early (Sunday afternoon and stay late (Tuesday noon).

LEAVE all professional and personal problems at home.

ENTER into the spirit of the convention.

ASPIRE to learn something that will make you a better librarian or trustee.

SEE the exhibits and talk with our exhibitors.

EAT with librarians and trustees you know and some you don't know.

COLLECT ideas in both the official programs and in the coffee shop.

OBSERVE the Arkansas library tradition of friendliness.

MAKE some contribution yourself to the convention.

ENJOY yourself and your associates.

Remember that no one can take your place, and if you do not come the loss will be two-fold. The Association will miss you, and you will miss the opportunity to contribute to professional librarianship in Arkansas.

If the genii asked me for a wish, it would be that I might see you at the state meeting. Only you can make my wish come true.



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**ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM
HOTEL MARION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

Theme: Better Libraries for a Better World

Sunday, October 12, 1958

- 2:00 P.M.—Executive Board Meeting, Hotel Marion
- 5:00 P.M.—Tea at the Art Museum, MacArthur Park
- 7:00 P.M.—Tour Dinner, Hotel Sam Peck

Monday, October 13, 1958, Hotel Marion

- 8:00 A.M.—Registration and Coffee with the Exhibitors
- 9:30 A.M.—First General Session
 - Address "Why a Library?"
 - Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Deputy Executive Secretary,
American Library Association
- 12:30 Noon—Trustee Luncheon
 - Address "National Library Week"
 - Theodore Waller, chairman, National Library Week
- 2:30 P.M.—Section Meetings
 - Trustee Section
 - Business
 - School Section
 - Address "Enrichment of School Libraries"
 - Dr. Lena De Grummond, Supervisor of School Libra-
ries, Louisiana State Department of Education
 - Special Libraries Section
 - Address "Public Relations—A Necessity"
 - Al Pollard, Brooks-Pollard Advertising Co.
- 4:00 P.M.—Inspection of Exhibits
- 7:00 P.M.—Second General Session
 - Dinner, Ballroom, Hotel Marion
 - Address "The Library in Tomorrow's World"
 - Maurice Mitchell, Britannica Films, Inc.

Tuesday, October 14, 1958, Hotel Marion

- 7:30 A.M.—Graduate Breakfast
 - Address "A Challenge Awaits"
 - Mrs. Marianna McAllister, Russellville
- 9:00 A.M.—Section Meetings
 - Public, County, Regional Section
 - Business
 - Joint Meeting with College Section
 - College Section
 - Panel "What Libraries Can Expect from Jobbers and
Publishers"
- 10:30 A.M.—Third General Session
 - Business

THE SPACE-AGE LIBRARY

By Wilma Ingram*

The public library picture is brighter and more challenging today than ever before. The fact that finally the Federal Aid to Library Service was approved by Congress aroused interest in several areas of service in which interest had been shown to no great extent. Among these areas are the multi-county units of service. It is interesting that so many of the Arkansas people want to cooperate to form and organize these large units of service.

When we have gone beyond or around the fear of lost autonomy and when cities and counties will cooperate to give library service to the whole area, we are fast arriving at the goal, aim, or purpose of a library: to offer inspiration, information, and recreation to all people. It is a far cry from the subscription libraries of a few years ago. Most of us remember those institutions, and that the rural residents were not allowed or encouraged to use the library. In some cases the library committee allowed the librarian to issue cards to a certain number of rural patrons.

Public Relations was an unknown during those days. The librarian seemed happy and contented with her subscribers and did very little in the promotion of the use of the library. But, as many of us experienced during the activities of the First National Library Week, there are always people in the community who say—"This is my first visit to the Library". This remark is appalling as well as revealing. It appalls us that with all of our publicity anyone can be found who does not make some use of the library, and it reveals to us the weak spots in that publicity.

Social changes have given adults so much more leisure time that many libraries have been putting more em-

phasis on adult education. Questions the librarians in many smaller libraries are asking are: "What is the library's role in Adult Education?" and "How does the library's Adult Education program differ from its basic program?" These are two questions dealt with in the June, 1957, number of the Library-Community Project NEWS. The bibliography given in that issue is excellent for study. These newsletters have interesting bits of information from reports of Adult Education programs in various libraries. But, for the small library with a small staff, the main question is: "How much emphasis can we put on adult education activities?"

At A.L.A. Dr. Paul H. Sheats said, "There is a growing awareness that education is a practicable alternative to race suicide, and that we must learn or perish. It is the responsibility of our education institutions, public and private, to nurture this awareness, to hasten the wider discovery of the knowledge, skill and wisdom which can lead to the more rational solution of international conflicts, which will make less probable the horror of atomic war." Dr. Sheats, vice-chairman of the U.S. National Committee for UNESCO, said that "entirely too much reliance" is put on "what mass media can accomplish in the field of world affairs education." Such mass education is important, he added, if geared to the tendency of people to make decisions in small groups. But if mass media are used "only to impose manufactured opinions, we shall soon undermine whatever decision-making skill and power the average citizen still retains."

Another ALA speaker, Ralph A. Ulveling, Detroit, Michigan library director, said that "perhaps too many (librarians) jump to the assumption

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THE TRUSTEE AWARD

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Edmonds, a member of the Action Committee of the American Association of Library Trustees, served as first national chairman of "Operation Library", top-priority project of the

U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce which has also been adopted as an international endeavor of the Jaycees. Edmonds is credited with leading the movement for establishment of a modern public library in his home town of West Memphis, Arkansas, and for giving the financial support and civic backing which provided a new library building. His efforts in West Memphis constituted the beginnings of the Jaycees' "Operation Library" program, through which public libraries throughout the nation have been assisted by local Jaycees groups.

Mrs. Mohr, who has been a member of the San Francisco Public Library Commission since 1944, and its president, 1956-57, was cited for her "exceptional contribution to the development of public library service in San Francisco and the State of California through the development of a branch library program in San Francisco; through the establishment of groups of Friends of the Library both in her own and other communities and through assistance to the State Library in fostering the establishment of strong county libraries in sections of California where such library services are inadequate."

Mrs. Mohr was the first woman to serve as President of the San Francisco Public Library Commission. She first recommended in 1945 that an overall survey of the library be undertaken and an appropriation for such a survey was made in April, 1958; the survey is now underway. She has served as President of the California Library Association Trustees Section, 1947-57; and has actively participated in the American Association of Library Trustees, serving on its board, 1950-52. She received the California Trustees Citation Award in 1951. In 1957, Governor Knight appointed her to serve on the California Library Commission which is undertaking a survey of libraries in the state.

The Space Age Library (Continued from Page 5)

that a library's efficiency increases as mass methods are introduced more and more widely in the library's total activity." Ulveling further contended the "public library is not one of the mass communication media and should not organize its fundamental services on a mass basis. The library should provide an individualized service for every patron who comes to it." This means the library must be geared to the individual needs of its community, he said, rather than attempting to function as "mass medium providing one message for all". The public library can hope to serve an educational purpose only if its book resources represent materials that can educate, if it has a staff that can make the books meaningful."

From these two addresses the conclusion is that the small library has a challenge rich in the opportunity to bring into focus the day-to-day experiences of adults, and of discovering ways in which leaders may help adults educate themselves wherever they are. Librarians have an obligation to the individual needs of the citizens of the community. This challenge can be met and the obligations fulfilled only according to the planning and facilities of each library.

TOUR DINNERS FOR ARKANSAS LIBRARY TRAVELERS

By Florene Jordan*

The tour dinner on Sunday night before the convention officially opens on Monday has become a tradition for the Arkansas Library Association members. Mrs. Karl Neal had the idea several years ago because some of the members suggested that the group needed to get together again and that they invite others who had not been fortunate enough to make the tours.

This year the Arkansas Travelers want to share experiences with fellow

Our view of adult education is that it can only be a part of the overall basic program of the library, because the small library with the small staff cannot sacrifice its obligation to the children and young people. With our sights set for interplanetary travel, we are faced with a challenge of untold possibilities.

It seems that we must be alert to these challenges and to extend our purpose to include them. After all, the full purpose of a library is to **provide** the best materials on all subjects, including those of current interest, the best of the arts and sciences, as well as literature; to **explore** all the challenges and possibilities of serving our people in every way; to **view** ourselves in a new light in the midst of social and scientific changes taking place in the world today as well as in the light of cultures of the past; to **create** an atmosphere of infectious activity that will contribute to the participation and growth of the community; to **build** bridges between the world of books and the minds of readers; to **open** the door and serve as guide to the readers on adventurous roads to a better understanding of themselves and the world. Our role as librarians has not changed particularly, except that we must be aware of the possibility of extending our scope to outer space, although earthbound.

travelers to San Francisco, but most of all they want to share their experiences with friends who were unable to make the trip to interest them in making a trip the next time. Fellowship with people interested in the same things is probably the outstanding characteristic of the trips not only to all sections of Arkansas but to all sections of the United States.

Arkansas librarians, trustees, and friends have visited all sections of Arkansas, and these trips came first.

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Then the horizon widened and the vision broadened to reach Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Miami Beach, Kansas City, San Francisco, and many places on the way to the American Association conventions.

The tour dinner at the annual Arkansas Library Association convention gives librarians and trustees the opportunity to re-live and recall the experiences, inspirations, and ideas they have had. At the dinner every one is able to share experiences.

The dinner this year will be at the Sam Peck Hotel, Sunday evening, October 12, at 7 o'clock, and everyone is invited to attend. The program will be informal, and those who made the trip to San Francisco have been asked to wear or carry something obtained on the trip to San Francisco and to be ready to tell an outstanding experience.

Those who did not make the trip are asked to wear or carry something that might have come from the trip

and to be ready to ask many questions about the chartered bus trip and about the places the bus stopped and the convention.

The purpose of the dinner is to share experiences in order that everyone may work together to have better library programs and give better library service in all communities which will make a better library program for Arkansas.

The time is right and Arkansas is the "land of opportunity" for better library service, libraries and librarians. The tour dinner is another opportunity of meeting together and of trying to plan how we may make all these things possible.

The Sunday evening dinner will be the first official meeting of the Arkansas convention this year, and it is hoped that many members will come to Little Rock Sunday in order to attend the dinner to start discussing "Better Libraries for a Better World".

ON BOOKS, SHE GOES FOR THE RIDE

Miss Pearl Williamson, trustee, fourth congressional district, and P.T.A. representative on the Arkansas Library Commission, has visited every county or regional library in Arkansas receiving state aid administered by the Arkansas Library Commission. Beginning in May, 1953, the Arkansas Library Commission has sponsored tours by chartered bus to visit the libraries of the state. Miss Williamson has accompanied the Arkansas librarians on tours within the state four times since the initial year in May, 1953: October, 1954, March, 1955, March, 1956, and April, 1957. In addition to tours within the state the Arkansas Library Commission in cooperation with the Arkansas Library Association has sponsored tours by chartered bus for Arkansas librarians, trustees, and friends of the library to attend the national conference of the American Library Association.

The first out of state tour was to the American Library Association conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota in June, 1954, when Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, chairman, Arkansas Library Commission, received a citation from the American Library Association. Mrs. Lee Martin, member at large, Little Rock, accompanied the group on this tour. Miss Williamson went with the group in 1955 when the meeting was in Philadelphia. Mrs. Almon Faught traveled with the librarians and trustees to the Miami convention in 1956. All members of the Commission are active participants in state and national library meetings.

Last year, June, 1957, when J. N. Heiskell, president, Little Rock Public Library Board, received the same citation in Kansas City, Miss Williamson and Mrs. W. H. McCain, Cotton Plant, accompanied the Arkansas



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librarians who traveled by chartered bus. This year the American Library Association conference was in San Francisco and Cecil U. Edmonds, West Memphis, a third Arkansas trustee, received the citation as an outstanding trustee for his initiation of the Jaycee Project, "OPERATION LIBRARY". Miss Williamson returned with the traveling

librarians and trustees from Arkansas to Little Rock by chartered bus. Other trustees traveling with the group were Mrs. Marvin Harris, Sheridan, and Mrs. Fletcher McElhannon, Arkadelphia.

Miss Williamson has traveled far and wide to study library conditions and to assist librarians and trustees

in the solution of their problems. She is a former superintendent of the DeQueen Public Schools, DeQueen, where she makes her home. She is active in educational, cultural, civic, and church work of her community and state. She is an inspiration to

the members of the Arkansas Library Commission and the Arkansas Library Association with whom she travels. She is a true Arkansas Traveler, an ambassador of good will for her state and nation.

THE TRUSTEE'S MAJOR PROBLEM

By Cecil U. Edmonds*

One of the highlights of the meeting of the National Assembly of Library Trustees in San Francisco this year was the discussion by that group of a number of problems facing library trustees today which are common to every size and type of library. A list of these problems was made after buzz groups had tackled the meeting agenda head on in one of the best attended national trustee meetings ever held. After collecting questions from each group it was discovered that a majority of the problems listed could be overcome by better PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Certainly it is difficult to obtain sufficient funds from city, county or state authorities when tax funds are meagre. A new building may not be easily obtained, but it can be assured if the people of the community are aware of the benefits of really good library service through a planned public relations program. Competent personnel are scarce, but they are a great deal easier to obtain and retain if the public relations between trustees and library staff is good.

And finally, the exchange of information among trustees and professional librarians through the medium of the Arkansas Library Association is a means toward a broader understanding of the role of good library service in community betterment.

Perhaps this may be an oversimplification of the problems that beset all librarians and library trustees. Library maintenance, operating pro-

cedures, administration problems and establishment of policy are important and very real. However, it has been brought home to us rather forcibly in recent years that our main area of concern should be the apathy of our people and their lack of recognition of the need for community betterment. Here is a chance for the good trustee to accomplish his particular task. In the area of good public relations the trustee can do a good job because he has no vested interest in the profession. The increased appropriation secured for the Library Services Act this year is a tribute to the efforts of library trustees, librarians and congressmen. A well-worn front door and a well-thumbed book collection are excellent selling points for the library.

How do you reach readers? Just like any retailer would get customers, according to Edward Marcus, of Neiman-Marcus in Dallas, who was one of the principal speakers at the San Francisco ALA meeting. "Employ a qualified librarian. No library can be better than its librarian." Make the library an attractive place, have the books that people want to read and then advertise your facilities. Sponsor special events like the Great Books Discussion groups, a school children's familiarization tour, open house, or book reviews by well known personalities.

I would like to urge every library trustee in Arkansas to attend the Trustee Luncheon and business meeting on Monday, October 13th, when the Arkansas Library Association

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Captain William Lederer, whose book, "The Ugly American", is the October Book of the Month Club choice talks to Mrs. Merlin Moore, president of the American Association of Library Trustees, at the last meeting of the post-ALA conference held in Hawaii July 20-24. Captain Lederer was a luncheon guest speaker.

holds its annual conference. Ted Waller, chairman of the 1959 National Library Week committee, will be the featured speaker. Your attendance at the business meeting will be of special benefit to both you and the Association. I'm sure you will be able to return home and do a better job for the library you represent.

As you know, Mrs. Merlin M. Moore completed her first year as president of the American Association of Library Trustees at the San Francisco ALA meeting. Arkansas trustees and librarians can well be

proud of the representation we have had at the national level as a result of Mrs. Moore's efforts. The manner in which she presided at the National Assembly made me exceptionally glad that I was a trustee from Arkansas. The national organization has enjoyed a fine year, one which laid a firm foundation for future growth and progress. The fact that Mrs. Moore carried out her duties in the face of severe personal hardship has been a source of inspiration to all of us. Surely she is one of Arkansas' great personalities.

LIBRARIANS AND NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

For the last five years, ALA has cooperated in the observance of National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8. Each year, the number of state agencies and individual libraries participating seems to increase, which seems to indicate that the effort is very much worth-while.

We believe that this year, with communities being organized throughout the country for the educational effort which will culminate in the Second National Library Week, April 12 to 18, 1959, it is helpful for librarians everywhere to develop closer relationships with their newspaper editors.

The following letter will make it official:

Mr. Arthur E. Strang, Nat'l Chairman
Nat'l Newspaper Week Committee
Illinois Press Association
119 Gregory Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Strang:

It is a pleasure for me, as President of the American Library Association, to extend cordial greetings to you as National Chairman of the National Newspaper Week Committee.

Librarians have been proud to stand together with newspaper men, edi-

tors, and publishers through the years in promoting our freedoms, particularly in areas involving the right to express ideas and report and interpret news and information of all kinds. Therefore, it is with an especial emphasis that we salute you this year when the theme of National Newspaper Week, October 1-8, is "Your Newspaper Guards Your Freedoms". The right to read would be denied the people if newspaper men ever waver in their determination to guard freedom of the press on which our other freedoms depend to a great degree.

I am eager to recall the fine support and cooperation of newspaper men in the observance of National Library Week during March of 1958 and to extend a warm invitation for your participation again in 1959 when the observance will be held April 12 to 18.

Please accept my good wishes for our continued association in the many fields in which the interests of newspaper men and librarians are mutually engaged.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Emerson Greenaway,
President

TOAST TO THE UNITED NATIONS

ON THIS DAY, let all men of good will throughout the earth turn their thoughts toward their brothers in other lands . . .

ON THIS DAY, let each of us pause to remember that, whatever our race . . . our language . . . our beliefs . . . or the pigment of our skin . . . the needs and aspirations of our neighbor across the border differ but little from those of our neighbor next door and ourselves.

ON THIS DAY, let us take pride in dreaming—in dreaming of a world

in which all men live forever at peace. For only out of dreams, down through the ages, have come realities.

SO, ON THIS DAY, let all men of decency and good will, in all lands and on all the seas, salute and cherish the instrument which the nations have created to construct a lasting peace. Let us — on this UNITED NATIONS DAY — salute mankind's bright hope—

THE UNITED NATIONS

—T. S. Repplier

MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REFRESHER COURSE AND ASSOCIATION MEETING

By Pauline Rucks

Librarian, V. A. Hospital, North Little Rock, Arkansas

May 31 through June 5, together with Miss Thekla Decker from the Fayetteville VA Hospital and Mrs. Virginia Lee from the University Medical Center Library, I attended this meeting in an ideal place for medical librarians — Rochester, Minnesota. In order to get the most out of the scenery, we drove; and a beautiful drive it was. Some of the more outstanding ideas are worth passing on to you.

The first day was devoted to classes. Miss Louise Darling of U. C. L. A. Medical School Library conducted Acquisitions. She emphasized that acquisition is leaving something for the future. Two-thirds of a research library will probably be serials, though there is nothing sacred about the distribution. The history of an institution and the history of medicine are "musts" for medical libraries. Two or three agreements between medical libraries as to who shall buy what were brought to light by members of the class—one a signed agreement. Index tools are somewhat de-emphasized, since close scrutiny shows that medi-

cal men use bibliographies in articles instead. They also use 90% American and 10% foreign journals.

In Equipment, Mr. Scott Adams of the National Institute of Health brought up some very expensive items, but his line of reasoning—color and usefulness—was excellent for even the smallest and most poverty-stricken library. He suggested studying office equipment catalogs and Howard Johnson restaurants, which usually have bright and sturdy furniture, for ideas. He also mentioned that pamphlets on shelves are one and one-half times as efficient as a vertical file. Food for thought. Among the "brave new world" contributions to library equipment were a light-weight aluminum book cart, electric typewriters for copies, bulletin typewriters for signs, typewriters with interchangeable facets (Greek, chemical symbols, etc.), a switch-board system for very large libraries, and a new "page-box" to put in the pocket of people who go into very large stacks. When the patron gets a call, he can be paged by the box in his pocket. The U.C.L.A. library

is putting in this system now. They plan to fine any absent-minded professor who forgets and carries away a page-box. I.B.M. is working on a machine which, upon being dialed for the number of the book, runs a mechanical arm along a track along the shelves, tips the book onto a carrying belt, and delivers it to the charging desk.

I was impressed with Miss Bertha Hallum's personality requirements for a reference librarian: a "bird dog" or sleuthing instinct, intellectual curiosity, a pleasant manner, almost a desire to be interrupted—because interrupted she certainly will be—a sense of humor, adaptability, a feeling for accuracy and completeness, a desire to increase her knowledge—and on, and on, and on. Copying Miss Hallum's pleasant manner might be enough for most of us, but she supplemented it with reminders that some librarians look so busy that people who need help hesitate to approach them. Moral: never wait to be asked for help; offer it. Another thoughtful gesture is always to make an effort to find an abstract or a parallel article, or a substitute for a request which a librarian knows to begin with that he or she does not have. No one ever forgets a flat "No, we don't have that".

The Mayo Clinic medical library is on the 10th, 11th, and 12th floors, of which the 11th houses stacks and study spaces. It is reached only by a separate elevator belonging to the library. At the far end from the elevator, the quietest spot, one wall is a continuous desk, with book shelves and whispering telephones at intervals, so a patron can put his name on that unit, keep the books and paper he is working with there, and make and receive calls from his unit. Nice! Mr. Tom Keys of the Mayo Clinic medical library has, besides brains and executive ability, enough charm and dignity for any four men. He looks like a cross between Mr. Nixon and Francis Cherry.

From the doctors who talked to us at different events (one of them remarked that he felt like a lion in a den of Daniels), came some helpful comments about service. Dr. Rome of the Mayo Clinic requested that the librarian do away with mediocre books, stop the flow of books on the same subjects, and study the care and feeding of book worms. Dr. Weber of the Mayo Clinic suggested more instruction in the use of the library. Many doctors could use it more if they knew more about it. Dr. Ellis (same clinic) believes current journals should be on the shelf and not checked out. Dr. Black (of ditto) thinks the only index of any real use in medical libraries is the CURRENT LIST. At the University of Minnesota, another panel of doctors brought out these points of view; protect us from trash, show us how to use the library, let us do our own research (we get something from it), help check bibliographies, and do not allow small libraries to spring up all over the hospital.

Thursday, June 5, was history day. I played hookey in the morning and went to look at an old car display which included a brougham, a carriage, a surrey (with the fringe on top), a horse-drawn ambulance and a sleigh which were used by two generations of Mayos. The afternoon general session at St. Mary's revealed that in 1900 medical education in the United States had progressed from a six months' study period plus apprenticeship to four years' training, although at that time many schools admitted students without a high school education. Since then the rotten spots have been cut out of schooling, with a total of 85 sound schools now in the United States. Sister Mary Brign, administrator, St. Mary's Hospital, talked about the history of the hospital. Sister Alfred, after the tornado in 1883, had suggested a hospital to Dr. William Morrow Mayo, who didn't think much of the idea. After the sisters raised the money, he helped plan it. In 1889 the hospital

opened with 27 beds, 3 doctors, and 5 sisters. Sister Mary Joseph, who was the administrator for more than 50 years, was made head nurse six months after entering nurses' training there. Apparently doctors weren't the only ones who received rushed training and rushed promotion in those days. The present hospital houses 1,000 patients, 2,000 doctors

and other personnel, and is valued at \$20,000,000.

Maybe best I stop trying to report it, for there was too much to be reported in one paper, and start trying to recommend it. Any librarian, medical or otherwise, would find such a meeting stimulating, if she could go. And I hope she can!

THE COOPERATIVE LIBRARY PROJECT OF THE ARKANSAS FOUNDATION OF ASSOCIATED COLLEGES

By Lucile L. Murphy*

In 1954 the Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges was organized, composed of the following seven church-related colleges: Arkansas College, Batesville; The College of the Ozarks, Clarksville; Harding College, Searcy; Hendrix College, Conway; John Brown University, Siloam Springs; Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia; and Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge. Its purpose was primarily the Community Chest idea of a joint effort to raise money for the support and development of these institutions. Under the able leadership of its executive director, Hugh Cort, Brigadier General USA, and the assistance of the college presidents, this plan is bearing fruit. Dr. Paul McCain, president of Arkansas College, has served as chairman of the library project and has attended to many details of organization with admirable judgment.

Having joined hands to improve the financial standing of these institutions, officials discovered that other problems made themselves evident. There was more to be done than raise money. The members needed to (1) upgrade their faculties through fellowships to make possible advanced study and research; (2) jointly bring a cultural program, lectures, concerts, etc., to the campuses and (3) improve their library resources on a cooperative basis.

This last need is one in which all librarians of the state will be inter-

ested. After numerous meetings, workshops, and consultations with librarian-educators, the cooperative project has evolved into certain specific accomplishments. The first year \$21,000 from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund was allocated for the library enrichment program, \$3,000 for each college library. Each college was assigned certain areas of specialization, and the money was spent on books in those areas. In turn a shelf list record of purchases was mailed to each member and to headquarters in Little Rock. The librarian must purchase enough Library of Congress cards to catalog the books in her area and also supply one card (later amended to two cards) to other members of the AFAC.

An inventory of the periodical holdings of each institution was made. The college librarians mailed this inventory on 3 x 5 cards to Mrs. Lucile L. Murphy, librarian at The College of the Ozarks, where all this information was edited and collected into a mimeographed book, entitled **Periodical Holdings of the AFAC**. This book is used as a basis for the study of future needs of the colleges and as an index to all holdings. Each institution agreed to circulate anything in this list to any other member institution.

The second year of the \$21,000 Rockefeller grant was divided in a different manner, \$2,000 to each college, and \$7,000 to a pooled fund for

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the purchase of periodicals of interest to all members. Miss Annie May Alston was elected chairman of a committee to review the needs, approve requests of other colleges, and to avoid duplication. Some purchases were made for periodicals on microfilm, others in inkprint.

The highlight of accomplishment came when the service of Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, director of Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee, was obtained. On December 7, 1957, a workshop was held at Harding College under the efficient management of Miss Alston. Presidents, faculty representatives, and librarians were in attendance for this all-day meeting. In addition to the service of Dr. Kuhlman, that of Mrs. N. E. Byers, librarian, Agnes Scott College,

was obtained. A panel of faculty also participated in a discussion on the ways and means of implementing the cooperative plan.

In the spring of 1958, Dr. Kuhlman visited each college library, studied its facilities, met with the faculties, and printed his findings in a critical and comprehensive survey. This, through the generosity of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, has been a stimulating and thrilling experience for the college librarians and library committees of the AFAC. With this excellent direction and leadership the colleges will surely go forward! As Dr. Kuhlman says, "Cooperation is not an easy road, but it is rewarding for those who have the patience and determination to stay with it."

THE LIBRARIES OF THE ARKANSAS FOUNDATION OF ASSOCIATED COLLEGES;

... a preliminary report by Dr. A. F. Kuhlman

The Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges is composed of seven church-related colleges of this state working together to improve higher education, to enrich the resources and services of their own institutions and to enrich the cultural opportunities in Arkansas. Their activities have been directed along three lines: (1) upgrading of faculties through fellowships for advanced study and research, (2) joint cultural programs of lectures and concerts, and (3) improvement of library resources on a cooperative basis. For this Cooperative Library Project, funds have been provided by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund for the purchase of books in selected areas of study common to the curriculum of each participating college. Titles purchased are accessible to any of the other colleges on interlibrary loan, and an author card is supplied to each library to facilitate borrowing and to avoid duplicate purchases with AFAC funds.

Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, director of the Joint University Libraries, Nashville,

Tennessee, serving as consultant for this Cooperative Library Project, has issued a report evaluating the existing resources of these libraries, the effort to improve them on a cooperative basis, and a statement of the most urgent needs. Statistical data is presented in several tables and in the appendices. Each library was studied on an individual basis, with definite suggestions given for improvement, both as a functioning unit on its own campus, and as a part of the Library Cooperative Project. The two outstanding problems of the seven libraries, as stated, are (1) how to regularize their annual income and (2) special financing over a five year period if these libraries are to serve their faculties and the youth of Arkansas effectively.

Permeating the report and making it of great value to any college administrator or librarian is Dr. Kuhlman's philosophy of a vital college library: "If a college library is to play a significant role in the instructional program and in the cultural development of students, there are

at least four prerequisites outside of the library in the administrative and curricular organization of the college. The first . . . is effective presidential and administrative leadership in evolving and stating a convincing philosophy for the existence and operation of the school. Second, with the aid of the faculty this philosophy—or educational objectives—must be translated into a vital curriculum . . . Third, those teaching methods should be adopted which are best suited to conditions prevailing in a given institution and the requirements of a given subject. Fourth, the curriculum and the teaching methods should center in effective use of suitable library materials. Teaching with books can be made an integral part of the college program if the administration and the faculty and librarians deliberately plan and cultivate it. Unless this is done we need not

expect the library to play a significant role”.

Dr. Kuhlman concludes: “Here then is one of the challenging efforts in higher education in American—seven private colleges, situated in a Southern state with limited resources, determined to do something more jointly than they have been able to do singly in the past for the youth of Arkansas. Here there is a rare challenge to men of means and good will, to business firms interested in helping their community and state, and to foundations entrusted with resources for improving the general welfare through better higher education”.

—Reviewed by Mrs. Juanita M. Barnett, librarian, Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

AIDC OFFERS ENCYCLOPEDIA ON ARKANSAS

A set of volumes guaranteed not to make the best-seller lists but which may prove invaluable to Arkansas' industrial future is being distributed.

They are “The Arkansas Encyclopedia”, produced from a mass of vital industrial and other statistics about Arkansas.

The set includes three volumes—a directory of existing Arkansas industries, a photographic essay on Arkansas and an economic atlas of the state. A fourth, an industrial history of Arkansas, will be out this fall. All four fit inside a permanent corrugated cardboard box that opens easily.

The set will be available publicly at the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission at \$25. Individual copies will be priced at \$15 for the atlas, \$5 for the industrial directory, \$1.75 for the photographic essay and \$2.25 for the history.

William R. Ewald, Jr., AIDC chief of development and compiler of the

set, said the AIDC already had received 500 requests for the volumes from industries through national advertising of them in such magazines as *The New Yorker*.

None of the volumes will be mailed. The AIDC approach to getting new industry is based largely on personal contact. Each volume ordered will be delivered in person by an AIDC representative.

Ewald said the encyclopedia was designed exclusively for industrial executives. It relies heavily on graphic arts and other means of conveying a large amount of data quickly and briefly. It is cross-indexed.

The photographic essay consists of 159 pictures selected from more than 7,000 photographs.

It was produced, Ewald said, “because we have found that the very sophisticated executives of the major corporations have no concept of what Arkansas is like and that they are pleased with what they see. We've

attempted to give them an accurate, documented picture of Arkansas as it is—showing the good and the bad.”

—Reprinted from the
ARKANSAS GAZETTE

The 159 photographs which were used were gleaned from the files of

newspaper, commercial and amateur photographers all over the state. Special thanks were extended to the Arkansas Democrat, Arkansas Gazette and the Arkansas Publicity and Parks Commission for opening their photographic files to the AIDC.

ARKANSAS LIBRARY COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

July, 1957 — June, 1958

County	School	Public	Indiv.	Non-book material	TOTAL
4239	71747	14203	12984	994	104167

REMARKS

The total circulation for the fiscal year was 104,167, an increase of 9,552 books over the previous fiscal year. Part of this increase was due to circulation from the demonstration bookmobile running from the Arkansas Library Commission into counties that do not have a county library. The largest one day's circulation was 1,883 on June 9, 1958.

Summer vacation loans to communities without county wide library service also increased. The total number was 46. Several of these collections were kept in homes so that the community would have access to books. This has proved to be a good way to arouse community interest in a library program.

The Book Fair books sent from the Children's Book Council were shown at 45 Book Fairs around the state. In July these books were given to eleven state institutions without a library book budget. Numerous smaller collections from the Traveling Publishers' Exhibit were also sent for display and examination to schools and organized groups preparing to purchase books.

During the 1957-58 fiscal year the Catalog Department processed a total of 10,714 books for the Commission collections, including federal book purchases for the Commission (848)

and 239 titles starred and double starred in the latest Wilson Catalogs which were special gifts from the publishers. 1,255 gift books were added to the Traveling Exhibit of new books from publishers for children and young people, and a total of 15,510 books purchased with federal funds were processed at the Commission for various county and regional library units over the state. This service to county and regional libraries also includes 4,655 sets of book pockets and cards (3 cards in each book pocket). Libraries processing books in their local headquarters also participate in the card service by sending in orders for catalog cards and book pockets and cards for their books listed by individual author and title. During 1957-58 sets of catalog cards sent to counties amounted to 6,531.

The Union Holding List of Shelf Cards for Arkansas Books in the public libraries of the state is for practical purposes now completely set up. Shelf cards for the Arkansas books listed by public libraries which have already sent in their holdings to the Commission are to be housed in a special section of the Commission shelf list. Cards will show classification number of each item, but will be arranged alphabetically by author's name for the convenience of quick reference. Each card will be marked with symbols to indicate the



Mrs. Jim Merritt, McGeehee, trustee for the sixth Congressional District and American Legion Auxiliary representative on the Arkansas Library Commission received her reappointment on the Commission for a five-year term June 11 during the 1958 session of Girl's State. The presentation was made in the office of the Governor by Miss Mary Peirce Conner during her tenure as chief executive of Girl's State. Arnold Sikes, executive secretary of Governor Faubus, was present. Mrs. Merritt was chairman of the Girl's State Committee for 1958 and is a member of the 1959 committee. She attended the annual meeting of the American Legion in Chicago in August.

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public libraries in Arkansas (including the Commission) in which the title is located. This union holding list of Arkansiana in our public libraries should help to facilitate the best and most economical use of our combined book resources devoted to the public service of Arkansas citi-

zens. If you have not reported your Arkansiana holdings to the Commission, and if your library would be willing to participate in the share-the-book-resources plan, please send a list of your Arkansas books to the Commission as soon as possible.

COMMISSION BOOK STOCK ADDED JULY 1, 1957 - JUNE 30, 1958

Books Added	General	Arkansas	Reference	Total
Adult Non Fiction	2,506	65	196	2,767
Adult Biography	203			203
Adult Fiction	1,403	1		1,404
TOTAL ADULT	4,112	66	196	4,374
Juvenile Non Fiction	1,174	5		1,179
Juvenile Biography	282			282
Juvenile Fiction	3,791	1		3,792
TOTAL JUVENILE	5,247	6		5,253
TOTAL BOOKS ADDED	9,359	72	196	9,627

**REPORT OF RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE
of the Arkansas Library Commission**

Since 1957, the Arkansas Library Commission has granted scholarship aid to staff members of county and regional libraries in Arkansas qualifying for state aid grants. In the beginning of the program \$25.00 per semester hour was granted for a maximum of ten semester hours of library science completed for credit in an accredited library school. Twenty-four librarians have availed themselves of this scholarship aid and have served at least one year in the county or regional library in the state following completion of the library science courses.

Due to the scarcity of librarians and the increasing costs of living, the Arkansas Library Commission this year has voted to increase the grant from \$25.00 per semester hour to \$35.00 per semester hour up to the maximum of ten hours (\$350.00).

As a member of the Recruitment Committee, I attended the Mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association, to gain further information about ways to help with the program in Arkansas. Upon my return

home I called a meeting of my committee and we discussed that a letter should be sent to the librarians of the state, public schools, and colleges asking them to help with a personal recruitment of qualified people for the library profession. The Arkansas Library Commission voted to prepare kits of materials pertaining to the profession to be sent to librarians in the state who would write us that they would use the materials. The response to my letter was gratifying. 300 requests were received for the kit of materials. This kit included the following items:

1. Librarianship As A Career
2. Paging Your Future
3. Should You Be A Librarian
4. Librarian Wanted
5. To Be A Librarian

Especially prepared for the kit was a leaflet designed for wide distribution in Arkansas. This leaflet followed the design of one distributed by the American Library Association Joint Committee on Librarianship As A Career. Copies may be secured from the Arkansas Library Commis-

sion. Mrs. Hazel Deal, chairman of the Arkansas Library Association Recruitment Committee, followed up with a special letter to the librarians who had requested the kits of library materials. This committee is still working with a group of interested librarians in each section of the state who will serve as **personal recruiters**.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Upton, chief librarian, Veterans Administration Library, Roosevelt Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, is a member of the National Recruitment Committee of the Library Administration Division. She, too, has sent a letter to a selected group of librarians asking for assistance in the Personal Recruitment program.

As chairman of the Arkansas Library Commission Recruitment Committee I arranged for Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Pulaski county librarian,

to be on the program of the Arkansas Student Librarians Association meeting in March of this year. The Arkansas Library Commission had an easel type recruitment poster made by a professional artist for display at this meeting. This poster is available for use in the libraries of the state.

The Arkansas Library Commission urges the state colleges teaching courses in library science to bring their students to the Arkansas Library Commission for a visit. The State bookmobile is used for display at the state colleges, and special collections of books are loaned to enrich the curriculum of the courses.

Trustees and staff members of the Arkansas Library Commission are serving as **personal recruiters**.

Mrs. W. H. McCain, chairman
Mrs. Lee Martin
Mrs. Jim Merritt

BOOKS FOR YOU

The Thread, by E. C. Guidroz; Vantage, \$3.75. A construction engineer with the Southern Kraft Division of International Paper Company, now at Pine Bluff, E. C. Guidroz of Natchez, Miss., has written an allegorical narrative with Man his central character.

"The spinning of the thread continues, as it must ever do, until the Creator commands the loom to stop," he writes.

The problem, he adds: "Because the Creator has been disregarded, and because His guidance and His will have been repudiated by Man, the shadow of doom is again upon Man. He is engaged in the business of creating things of destruction and death-dealing equipment."

Trick-Em on Gooch Creek, by C. B. Kitchens; Naylor, \$1.95. One of 12 children in a family in South Arkansas, born just before the turn of the century, C. B. Kitchens writes one of those rare reminiscences—of the insignificant little things delight-

ful to remember. It is an interesting picture of one part of Arkansas's life in the early 20th century.

"Pa's big hunk of land, gin, and sawmill back in those days was the largest industry in all Trick-em on Gooch Creek, Bethel, Spreadout and Pine Springs communities. As a matter of fact, it was the only industry after old man Chauncy Nickel's still blew up."

His children became doctors, lawyers and businessmen — "Pa never learned to read and write, nor figure with a pencil! Ma only learned enough to help the kids to start. But they believed in education with a faith that only the keen of mind without education can have. Pa served on the school board for many years."

The family also lived for a time on a farm near Magnolia.

—Reviewed by Gene Fretz
in the **Arkansas Gazette**

Of These Hills and Us, by Fred Starr; Christopher Publishing House, \$3.00.

Fayetteville school teacher, politician and writer, Fred Starr has also served several years as library trustee of the Washington County Library. His publisher is impressed with his unpretentious honesty and his subtle blend of humor, fact and philosophy. He keeps his sense of humor in relating these personal experiences and anecdotes; far from making the mountain characters appear ludicrous and ridiculous, Starr writes with a keen understanding and very real sympathy for the mountain people and their way of life that lifts the book above many of its counterparts. In essence, the book is Starr's fond recollection of his first arrival in the Ozarks and how he and his family learned to be at

home with hill folk. Fond glances are thrown on some memorable persons along their way.

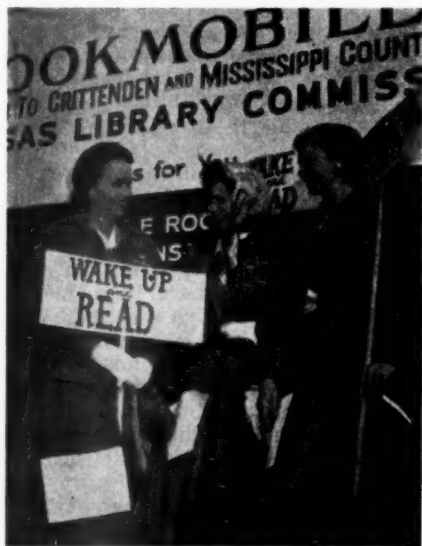
Singing Winds, by Olive Hering Nelson. Pageant Press, \$2.00.

This is a striking first collection of poems by a long-established Little Rock woman who has published more than 100 newspaper and magazine features and won more than 20 awards from professional writing organizations. Her youngest son, Renhart William Nelson, executed several sketches of delicacy and beauty to accompany the collection of poems in contemporary and traditional forms. Of more than passing worth, this little book deserves a well-earned place on our Arkansas shelves.

—Reviewed by LaNell Compton

"HERE COMES THE BOOKMOBILE"

By Eula McDougal*



Seeing the bookmobile pass her store, a Crittenden county woman decided that she and her neighbors needed the service; so she watched,

flagged down the driver and invited the bookmobile to stop. She had the only store in the town; she could tell everyone about it, and she quickly supplied a mailing list. In this way one woman initiated the movement that brought bookmobile service to her community.

In Mississippi county another woman storekeeper felt that bookmobile service was needed. Another signal to stop, and another set of plans was begun that led to bookmobile service for a whole town.

All beginnings have not been so simple. Nor has the same method been employed each time. In one town where arrangements were progressing slowly, a visit to each room in the school furnished the impetus to complete plans for scheduling bookmobile stops. Apparently the enthusiasm of the superintendent, the school librarian, and the children was contagious.

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In some places, the librarian and her assistants did not contact trained school personnel or the younger set in the classrooms. Could a small community promote the program without leadership from the school? In the experimental stage careful search for effective methods of approach and carefully kept records had seemed important.

Standard procedure number one in incorporated town is a visit to the mayor's office. A member of the state legislature, resident of an unincorporated town, was the first person called on when work was begun there. A painstaking house to house canvass was made. The number of adults and the number of children in a family and special interests were recorded.

In every instance emphasis was placed upon the importance of individual and community cooperation in making the library program a success.

"I can't go with you, I just don't have the money to go," was the response given to an invitation from a neighbor to go with her to the bookmobile. The question is often asked, "What does it cost?" The answer, of course, is, "You do not have to pay to check out books. This is a public service paid for through federal, state and county funds."

Another mistaken idea encountered is that the bookmobile is a library service for children during the summer months when school libraries are closed. In all publicity, the idea, **books for every age**, has been prominent. In one place, a woman stopped her car to ask, "How much do the books cost?" The bookmobile had been mistaken for a rolling store.

The bulletin board above the windshield carries suggestions for reading and for boosting the library program. One week it carried the slogan:

Be a Bookmobile Booster
Bringing a Buddy.

And this is literally being done. A high school boy brings his girl friend and helps her select her books. A high school boy hears a bookmobile assistant suggest **King of the Wind** to a sixth grade girl and he immediately lends his support with, "You'll like it, Janet. I read it when I was in the sixth grade."

Definite plans are being made for improving library publicity in Crittenden and Mississippi counties. Posters in post offices, drug stores and other places of business have been used. Post cards sent to names on the mailing list announce opening dates of branches or first days for bookmobile stops, and reminder cards are mailed regularly to those families who check books from the bookmobile. Pictures, feature stories and bookmobile schedules are appearing in newspapers.

In one town the mayor's wife asked for a list of names of families who had been to the bookmobile in order that she could determine those that should be told about the library program. Much more work of this type, setting up active local committees that will assist in publicity, is in the planning stage.

In any program it is necessary to keep some statistics. But take a look behind the figures at one boy bargaining with his mother and brother for permission to check out an additional **We Were There** title on each of their cards. Watch him as he goes to the Boston Tea Party, the Battle of New Orleans, and stands with the Americans who were there in decisive moments of our nation's history. Did you hear a chuckle? A preschooler is hearing how McCloskey's **Sal** is all mixed up with baby bear and the blueberries. When Alexander Woolcott read a good book, he always wanted to run for his wheelbarrow and take copies of the book to all his friends. In Crittenden and Mississippi counties favorite books of many people are going out in much larger quantities—by bookmobile.

REPORTS OF BOOKMOBILE SERVICE IN OTHER AREAS

**Jackie Poe, Bookmobile Librarian
Arkansas Library Commission**

The new look in libraries is the bookmobile. Its long, boxy lines are not unlike the chemise. The bookmobile is roomy enough for two or three library people and fifteen or twenty customers. Bookmobiles from Little Rock are bright red and white but the ones purchased by counties may be any color.

The Southwest Arkansas Regional Library put its new look on the road in May, 1958. Since the SWARL serves four counties the schedule was made up so that the bookmobile spends one week of each month in each county. Anyone may borrow books from the bookmobile and return them on the next visit or they may return them to any of the eleven branch libraries. No fines are charged for overdue books.

Before service was begun with the bookmobile it was given much publicity in schools and clubs and in the newspapers. Door-to-door visits made by the librarian in small communities on the first scheduled visit for actual lending of books brought out many customers. It was not hard to get people to borrow books—once they were on the bookmobile and found out there was no charge, that we had books on subjects of interest to them, and that we would come back for the books the next month. Few went away empty handed. Many brought a friend on the second visit. Still we do not have as many grownup patrons as we would like to have. Children swarm us. They now borrow over half the books loaned. In about ten or twelve years these children will be the adult population so maybe that won't be too long to wait.

The present plan is to serve the rural citizens and the small schools from the bookmobile. The larger schools will continue to receive their

books in boxes from the station wagon.

If you would like a rough and ready, full-time, outdoor job — just get on board a bookmobile.

**Mrs. Evelyn Griffiths
Bookmobile Librarian
North Arkansas Regional Library**

The summer schedule of the North Arkansas Regional Library was started on June 9, which was only 10 days after we had moved into our new building. Rain had prevented the completion of the bookmobile driveway so loading had to be done through the upstairs and out the front door which was quite a chore. We were faced with 11 new summer stops.

The minute we were on the way all troubles seemed to fade and the patrons were so glad to see us again that the stacked up work at headquarters soon seemed unimportant. One happy person called us "angels on wheels". Old friends, school children and boys and girls home from college were on hand. There was a little less time for browsing by the adult patrons because of the young people, but no one seemed to mind. When you check nearly 200 books out in one hour and a half there is not much time to help anyone with a selection, but those who were old users helped the new ones and everyone had a wonderful time—including us.

All three of the bookmobile staff traveled on the first time around the schedule. Rain was a constant companion and we traveled over, under and through storms. Months before we had learned to allow for "slow roads" on our schedules, so we got around on time; but our newly waxed floor soon lost its sheen.

The worst delay we had all summer was when we were caught in a road block because a crew was putting fresh topping on the road. We had

a stop scheduled in the middle of the section. By the time we had finished there, all traffic was stopped again. The U.S. Mail truck had made the same stop and was caught, too. He, being important, was waved on around the workers. We, being nervy, tried to look as inconspicuous as a big red and white bookmobile could, and we crept along behind him, stopping when he stopped and going right behind him when he was waved on. We looked like an elephant following a pup, but we made it, although we were almost a half hour late for the next stop.

We discontinued two of the new stops before the summer was over because of lack of interest. All of the others have grown. Some had to be given longer time. Now, in order to fit them into the winter schedule, we are having to give some of the schools we went to last year a different type of service.

We have enjoyed every minute of the summer trips even when at three o'clock in the afternoon some crisp and fresh looking patron would say, "My, it is hot in here", and we could smile as we said, "We know it!"

We learned a lot, too. We had requests on everything from Mandarin Chinese to goat raising. It was a wonderful summer.

Bradley-Cleveland Counties

Miss Anita Knowles, librarian, New Edinburgh High School, has been bookmobile librarian in Bradley and Cleveland counties during July and August. The Arkansas Library Commission bookmobile was used. More than 1500 books were circulated from the bookmobile and from the Cleveland County Library in the courthouse at Rison. Visits were made to the branch libraries at Banks and Hermitage in Bradley County and assistance in library routines was given the clerks in charge at these libraries.

The Rison Lion's Club has voted to sponsor the campaign for the pas-

sage of the one-mill library tax in Cleveland County. Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, was guest speaker at the club September 16.

The Arkansas Library Commission will lend collections of books for community use during the winter months.

Civic minded women of Cleveland county prepared a library booth for the county fair and were present to explain the need for the county library tax. Petitions have been circulated to get the measure on the November ballot.

The CLEVELAND COUNTY HERALD has kept the library before the people. The incoming county judge has pledged his support. A room in the courthouse will be redecorated for use by the county library. The county judge has shared his office with the library during the summer.

Plans are being made to build a new Cleveland County courthouse. Room to accommodate the library will be provided for in the architect's plans.

Mrs. Inez S. Bishop, Librarian White-Woodruff Regional Library

Bookmobile service is both fascinating and rewarding to the White County Library staff. Having operated the Bookmobile and developed service in White County for three years, they felt the opportunity to extend that service into Woodruff County was a challenge.

With state and federal funds and the cooperation of the State Library Commission, the White and Woodruff County Boards, the White-Woodruff Regional Library began its first scheduled operation on January 13, 1958. This, and other trips for the first two months, were spent in explaining and establishing Bookmobile service in Woodruff County. Service has been extended to ten schools, both white and Negro; to seven deposits and three stops. These and

three branch libraries are visited each month. One stop is made in the heart of Augusta, enabling persons unable to reach the Woodruff County Library, due to hours conflicting, to have the service of their library. The towns where the branch libraries are located are Cotton Plant, McCrory and Augusta and are widely separated. Perhaps the most distant point is at Hunter, Arkansas. It is just 5 miles from the

Monroe county line. But it is one of our most rewarding stops. The average circulation here is approximately twenty-seven volumes. The majority of these are adult books, our major goal for Bookmobile service.

Woodruff county residents have welcomed the Bookmobile service with open arms and have been loyal in their support of the service.

A THANK-YOU TO LIBRARIES OF ARKANSAS FROM ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

By Lucile K. Farison*

I want to thank the county librarians and the personnel of the State Library for their part in launching Epsilon Sigma Omicron reading courses in this state. The ESO is sponsored by the Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs to bring planned reading to federated club members. These reading courses had been started in other states some time ago and had been successful, but little had been done in Arkansas until we initiated the present program in April 1957.

With the help of willing and able personnel in the State Library, we prepared lists of books for four courses, with the following titles: Life in the Community, Life in Arkansas, Life in the United States, and Life in our World. About 30 books were offered in each course, and the reader could choose any 8 books in a course to read. When she had completed 8 books in each of the 4 courses and turned in written reports on them, she became a member of ESO, an honorary reading sorority. All of the books could be obtained in county libraries or the State Library, and that is where your cooperation entered into our program.

Are you wondering what the response was to our program for

planned reading? Well, it could not be called spectacular, yet it was gratifying. Thirty club women have read and reported on about 450 books; eight have completed the courses and are now ESO members, wearing ESO pins; and three more members have completed all the reading but do not have their reports completed. So you may feel that the part you played in this program was time well spent.

The program is continuing, and now we are preparing another course for the women who have become ESO members but want to continue with planned reading because they miss it! This new course will also be available to all members working on the courses. It will probably be made up of new books in several classifications such as health, religion, leadership, psychology, U. S. Government, World Affairs, fiction and biography.

The State Library will no doubt furnish you copies of the books in our new course. Any help you can give us by encouraging federated club members to take advantage of the planned reading offered by ESO will be appreciated by the officers of the State and General Federations and by me. Thank you for the help you have given us.

*Mrs. H. C. Farison is ESO chairman for the Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs. She lives at Mountain Home.

MARCH OF DIMES TO LAUNCH EXPANDED PROGRAM

NEW YORK—A program that will permit a scientific assault on major health problems of the nation, with arthritis and birth defects as initial new targets, was announced recently by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

While carrying on the winning fight against polio, the National Foundation, as it now will be known, will continue its history-making virus research program and investigations of disorders of the central nervous system. It will also add research and patient aid in arthritis and birth defects (congenital malformations), Basil O'Connor, president of the organization that made possible the Salk polio vaccine, said.

The expanded program will be financed through the traditional

March of Dimes conducted each January by volunteers in 3,100 county chapters across the country.

The new concept of the Foundation's future work includes the development of an organized voluntary force in the fields of medical research, patient care and professional education, flexible enough to meet new health problems as they arise, with specific goals initially. The heart of the new program is research. Research will be expanded from where it is now, without the restriction of being confined in the future to a single disease. Professional education also will be expanded to cover training of personnel both for research and patient care in all areas of activity.

NEWLY APPOINTED LIBRARY BOARDS

These newly appointed library boards are working for passage of the one-mill library tax, in the general election, November 4.

Chicot County Library Board

Mrs. John F. Gibson, Dermott
T. M. Ross, Dermott
Mrs. Jack Gillison, Lake Village
Darwin T. Mancil, Lake Village
Miss Margaret Tiebel, Eudora
Wesley Cowan, Eudora

Cleveland County Library Board

Rufus T. Buie, Rison
Mrs. Bill Sadler, Rison
Mrs. C. V. Frey, New Edinburg
Mrs. Woodrow Aldner, Kingsland

Mrs. J. E. Ryburn, Rison
Miss Anita Knowles, Chairman

Montgomery County Library Board

Miss Odessa Holt, Chairman, Mt. Ida
Miss Eunice Byers, Norman
Mrs. Verma Ewing, Glenwood
Mrs. Freida Green, Norman
Mrs. Virginia Short, Mount Ida
Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Pencil Bluff

Prescott Public Library Board

Russell Moberg, Chairman, Prescott
Mrs. W. M. Blackshare
Mrs. Roy Duke
Mrs. Bill Gordon
Mrs. J. T. Worthington



NEWS NOTES

Jim G. Ferguson Day was celebrated at Western Grove Saturday, August 16, 1958. Mr. Ferguson, a native of Searcy county, was at one time Superintendent of Schools at Western Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson make their home at 1306 Rosalie, Evanston, Illinois. They are frequent visitors in North Arkansas.

Mr. Ferguson is a liberal contributor to the schools and libraries in Searcy, Newton, and Boone counties. During 1957 he gave \$2,000 to each of the five school districts in Searcy, \$2,500 to Western Grove and \$1,500 to Valley Springs, on condition that the schools would raise an equal amount locally. He also contributed \$500 to the building fund of the North Arkansas Regional Library, Harrison.

"Jim G. Ferguson Day" will be an annual event at Western Grove.

Miss Jessie McGlothlin, assistant librarian, Jackson County Library since 1942 died Sunday, August 17. All patrons of the library, both adult and children, are grieved over the loss of a true friend.

Axel Linus Larson, physical therapist in Hot Springs for many years, was enrolled in George Peabody Library School, Nashville, this summer. Mr. Larson plans to attend Peabody Library School again in the summer of 1959.

Plans for the **Fifth Arkansas Book Fair** to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 26-30, are moving ahead rapidly. Among the authors who have accepted invitations to appear on the programs are Charlotte Baker, Siddie Joe Johnson, Faith Yingling Knoop and Edsel Ford. Wednesday will be denoted as Arkansas Day when several Arkansas authors will be introduced. The annual authors' luncheon will be held on Tuesday noon at the Sam Peck Hotel.

The 1958 Melcher Scholarship recipient, **Miss Margaret Petter** of Camden, Arkansas, has had unexpected changes in her personal plans which make it impossible for her to accept this ALA Children's Services Division scholarship. Elizabeth Nesbitt, CSD President, announces that decision will be made at the mid-winter Board meeting whether two scholarships will be given in 1959 or the \$750.00 for the 1958 scholarship added to the capital fund thus moving the total ahead toward an amount sufficient to produce a \$1000.00 scholarship annually.

Mrs. Haskell Jones has resigned as librarian, North Arkansas Regional Library, Harrison, to accept the position as librarian, Arkadelphia High School. Mrs. Jones received her library degree from the University of Kentucky Library School in August. Mr. Jones is a member of the faculty of Henderson State Teachers College. He completed the work for his Master of Science degree at the University of Arkansas this summer. The Jones' new address is 1052 Faculty Place, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Mrs. D. G. Griffiths has been appointed librarian of North Arkansas Regional Library. She has been bookmobile librarian at North Arkansas Regional since the establishment of the federal project there in 1957. Mrs. Guy Cunningham, bookmobile assistant, has been appointed bookmobile librarian.

Mrs. Margaret Hutchison formerly high school librarian at Clinton, Arkansas, is librarian at Phillips County Library, Helena. Miss Hutchison was enrolled at Louisiana State University Library School this summer.

Miss Mary Alice Pickens, technical processes assistant, Arkansas Library Commission, has entered the Library School of Louisiana State University. Miss Pickens came to the Arkansas Library Commission, June 1,

1957, following her graduation from Hendrix College. Her goal since she was in high school has been to become a librarian.

The State Planning Committee of the Arkansas Library Association met at the Arkansas Library Commission July 29. Members present were Mrs. Roy Hall, librarian, Fort Smith High School; Mrs. D. G. Griffiths, bookmobile librarian, Harrison; Ernest Thomas, librarian, Arkansas State Teachers College, and Mrs. Karl Neal, Chairman. The chief recommendation was that librarians sell the profession of librarianship in home town, school, college, public library, special library and in community organizations throughout the state. There should be improved communication between the library and the community as to the value of books and reading and the opportunities in the field of librarianship.

The First Regional Library, in Arkansas, Ozarks Regional Library composed of Franklin and Johnson

counties, was organized in 1942. Both counties passed the one-mill library tax in 1948. On August 11, 1958, this library voted to become a part of the newly organized Arkansas Valley Regional Library with headquarters at Dardanelle. This is Arkansas' first five-county regional library. Franklin and Johnson have joined with Logan, Pope, and Yell to form this library. Mrs. Calvin Snow is librarian. Bookmobile service is being planned for the region.

Lion's Clubs are sponsoring the passage of the county library tax in Stone and Izard counties. Lion's Clubs of Calico Rock, Melbourne, and Mountain View have endorsed the campaign to secure county and regional library service in their areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lee, Walnut Ridge, received Master's degrees at the summer graduation of George Peabody College, Nashville. Mrs. Lee's degree is in library science. She is librarian of Lawrence County Library, Walnut Ridge.

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